

Information for US Citizens in Haiti:

The United States Embassy in Port-au-Prince is actively working to identify and assist American citizens in Haiti. US Citizens in Haiti are urged to contact the embassy by email at ACSPaP@state.gov to request assistance. U.S. citizens in Haiti also can call the Embassy's Consular Task Force at 509-2229-8942, 509-2229-8089, 509-2229-8322, or 509-2229-8672. Residents in the United States and Canada with information or inquiries about friends and family in Haiti are urged to contact the Haiti Task Force at the State Department at 888-407-4747; ca-taskforce@state.gov

. Due to the large volume of calls, people have had difficulty getting through to the 888 number and the State Department is working actively to address this problem. For those outside the US, please call 202-501-4444. For additional information, please visit the [State Department's Consular Affairs Website](#)

Haitian citizens in the U.S. should call the Haitian Embassy in Washington, D.C., 202-332-4090, or the Haitian Consulate in New York City, 305-859-2003.

Contributions/Donations:

This unimaginable tragedy requires a massive humanitarian aid and rescue effort. The United States has offered its support, along with other nations and [non-government organizations](#), to help with the humanitarian aid and rescue operations. The links provided below include useful information for those wishing to make a donation to the relief effort.

- Center for International Disaster Information Donation Guidelines: http://www.cidi.org/guidelines/guide_in.htm
- Center for International Disaster Information's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on donations: <http://www.cidi.org/media/faq.htm>
- Non-governmental Organization's (NGOs) providing disaster relief in Haiti: <http://www.interaction.org/crisis-list/earthquake-haiti>
- FBI Alert on possible solicitation scams: <http://www.fbi.gov/pressrel/pressrel10/earthquake011310.htm>

Volunteering and Traveling to Haiti:

Please be advised that the situation in Haiti is still uncertain and dangerous. The Center for International Disaster Information, funded by the United States Agency for International Development, has issued this advisory on volunteering:

Volunteers without prior disaster relief experience are generally not selected for relief assignments. Candidates with the greatest chance of being selected have fluency in the language of the disaster-stricken area, prior disaster relief experience, and expertise in technical fields such as medicine, communications logistics, water/sanitation engineering. In many cases, these professionals are already available in-country. Most agencies will require at least ten years of experience, as well as several years of experience working overseas. It is not unusual to request that volunteers make a commitment to spend at least three months working on a particular disaster. Most offers of another body to drive trucks, set up tents, and feed children are not accepted. Keep in mind that once a relief agency accepts a volunteer, they are responsible for the volunteer's well-being -i.e., food, shelter, health and security. Resources are strained during a disaster, and another person without the necessary technical skills and experience can often be a considerable burden to an ongoing relief effort.